

AUTHORIZING THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE TO LEND CERTAIN
EQUIPMENT AND PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER
SERVICES TO THE BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA IN CONNECTION
WITH THE WORLD JAMBOREE OF BOY SCOUTS

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Mr. Brooks of Louisiana, from the Committee on Armed Services,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany S. 2772]

The Committee on Armed Services, to whom was referred the bill (S. 2772) to authorize the Secretary of Defense to lend certain Army, Navy, and Air Force equipment and to provide transportation and other services to the Boy Scouts of America in connection with the world jamboree of Boy Scouts to be held in England in 1957, and for other purposes, having considered the same, report favorably thereon with amendments and recommend that the bill, as amended, do pass.

The amendments are as follows:

On page 1, line 6, place a comma after the word "Scouts" and insert the word "Scouters".

On page 2, line 24, delete the word "and", place a comma after the word "Scouts", and insert the words "and officials" after the word "Scouters".

On page 3, line 3, delete the word "and" following the word "Scouts", place a comma after the word "Scouts", and after the word "Scouters" insert the words "and officials".

On page 3, line 23, place a comma after the word "Scout", and on page 3, line 24, delete the word "or" and insert after the word "Scouter" the words "or official".

EXPLANATION OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amendments are clarifying in nature. It is the intent to provide services, equipment, and transportation to all Boy Scouts, Scouters, and officials of the Boy Scouts of America. Con-

sequently, the committee amended the bill in order that this could be rendered certain.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purposes of this bill are (1) to authorize the Secretary of Defense to lend Army, Navy, and Air Force equipment, and to provide certain services, to the Boy Scouts of America in connection with the world jamboree of Boy Scouts to be held in England during the period July-August 1957, and (2) to authorize the Secretary of Defense to provide transportation on a vessel of the Military Sea Transportation Service for those Boy Scouts and Scouters attending the jamboree and for the equipment and property to be loaned, and (3) to waive the collection of fees for processing passport applications of those Scouts and Scouters representing the Boy Scouts of America at the world jamboree.

EXPLANATION OF THE BILL

It is traditional for the Government to assist the Boy Scouts in connection with national jamborees and world jamborees by lending them the necessary camping, messing, refrigeration, and medical equipment needed at the site of the encampment. S. 2771, of the 84th Congress, has as its purpose the granting of the authority for such loans in connection with Fourth National Jamboree of the Boy Scouts.

Participation by the Boy Scouts in the world jamboree to be held in England during July and August of 1957, necessarily involves transportation and the processing of passport applications. The provisions of this bill are similar to those of the act of April 14, 1947, which conferred similar authority for the furnishing of equipment and transportation in connection with the world jamboree held in France in 1947.

The bill provides that no expense shall be incurred by the United States for the furnishing of transportation on an MSTS vessel or for the delivery, return, rehabilitation, or replacement of the equipment to be loaned. The Boy Scouts are required to furnish a bond for the safe return of all property loaned to them and for the reimbursement of the United States of the actual costs of transportation furnished.

BUDGET DATA

There will be no cost to the Government because of the enactment of the bill. The equipment to be furnished is on a loan basis and the cost of the transportation, authorized by the bill, will be reimbursed by the Boy Scouts of America on an actual cost basis.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Department of Defense recommends enactment of the bill and the Bureau of the Budget interposes no objection. The following letter indicates the views of the Department on H. R. 8593, a similar bill.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY,
Washington, D. C., May 3, 1956.

HON. CARL VINSON,
Chairman, Committee on Armed Services,
House of Representatives.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Reference is made to your request to the Secretary of Defense for the views of the Department of Defense with respect to H. R. 8355 and H. R. 8593, 84th Congress, bills to authorize the Secretary of Defense to lend certain Army, Navy, and Air Force equipment and to provide transportation and other services to the Boy Scouts of America in connection with the world jamboree of Boy Scouts to be held in England in 1957, and for other purposes. The Secretary of Defense has delegated to the Department of the Army the responsibility for expressing the views of the Department of Defense thereon.

The purpose of the bills is to authorize the Secretary of Defense to lend tents, cots, blankets, commissary equipment, flags, refrigerators, and other equipment and services as may be necessary or useful to the Boy Scouts of America and officials who will attend the world jamboree to be held in England during July and August 1957. In addition, the bill will authorize the Secretary of Defense to provide transportation on a vessel of the Military Sea Transportation Service for those Boy Scouts and Scouters attending the jamboree and for the equipment and property of the Boy Scouts and Scouters and for the property loaned to the Boy Scouts by the Secretary of Defense.

The Department of the Army, on behalf of the Department of Defense, interposes no objection to the above-mentioned bills. It is recommended, however, that the bills be amended as follows: At the end of section 1 (a) of the bills, insert the phrase "to the extent that items are in stock and available and their issue will not jeopardize the national defense program"; at the end of section 2 (a) of the bills, insert the phrase "to the extent that such transportation will not interfere with the requirements of military operations"; and, on page 3, line 12 of the bills, delete the words "deposited in the Treasury to the credit of the" and substitute therefor the words "credited to the current applicable".

As area troops will be utilized for the performance of such services as the Department of Defense may be called upon to perform, such as the setting up of a potable water supply, building of comfort stations, etc., the Department of Defense cannot undertake at this time to state that it will be in a position to render this service in England in July and August 1957.

Under the authority of the language "other equipment and services as may be necessary or useful" appearing in previous enactments for similar support of scouting the following types of support have been furnished on a nonreimbursable basis:

(1) Highly specialized equipment for administrative support, and the operation of such equipment.

(2) Personnel for security of and organizational maintenance of equipment loaned.

(3) Administrative support personnel such as supervisors, medical and dental technicians, military police, and the bandsmen.

(4) Temporary duty and per diem costs of the foregoing support personnel as authorized by law.

The fiscal effects of this legislation are not known to the Department of Defense. The bill, however, does provide that no expense shall be incurred by the United States for the delivery, return, rehabilitation, or replacement of the equipment or for the furnishing of transportation and that the Boy Scouts shall furnish a good and sufficient bond for the safe return of all property loaned to them and for the reimbursement of the United States of the actual costs of transportation furnished to them.

A similar report on S. 2772, 84th Congress, a similar bill, has been coordinated within the Department of Defense in accordance with procedures prescribed by the Secretary of Defense.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that there is no objection to the report on S. 2772.

Sincerely yours,

WILBUR M. BRUCKER,
Secretary of the Army.